

programs, including fleet support operations, facilities maintenance and construction, utilities, environmental stewardship, housing, childcare, recreation, safety, resource management, protocol, public affairs, family support service, and IT technology management.

Naval Base Ventura County plays a critically important role in our national defense, and it will continue to do so for many years to come, thanks in part to Captain Chism's wise stewardship over the past 3 years.

As Representative of California's 26th Congressional District, including the men and women who serve our Nation at Naval Base Ventura County, I am pleased to join a grateful community to extend my most sincere congratulations and appreciation for his countless contributions to Ventura County, the U.S. Navy, and the United States of America.

HONORING THE BROADHEAD AND
WYDELL MEMORIAL TEAM

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Broadhead and Wydell Memorial Team—a dedicated group of volunteers committed to honoring and recognizing veterans of Ohio's 13th district by identifying their gravesites.

Two years ago, the Broadhead and Wydell Memorial Team began research of burial plots at Oak Hill Cemetery. Their goal was to replace the headstones and markers of veterans dating back to the beginning of our nation and the War for Independence. Unfortunately, many of the headstones were either in disrepair or completely missing, something that the Team was able to correct.

Although they were sidelined temporarily by the COVID-19 pandemic, today their research has expanded to other cemeteries throughout my district. Their work continues to ensure

that veterans receive the recognition they deserve for their service to our Nation.

The work is both daunting and detailed. Members of the team count every headstone in a cemetery that is not marked as a military gravesite and creates a list of names. They then go about the work of determining whether or not the deceased served. Once a veteran has been identified, they work with the local Veterans Commission to provide flag holders for the grave.

Steffon Jones, a co-founder of the group, is especially passionate about recognizing Civil War veterans and members of the U.S. Colored Troops. His efforts, along with veteran Tony Seldes and Tom Anderson, were instrumental in ensuring that the name of Private Jacob Nixon Robinson, who served in the 5th Regiment of U.S. Colored Troops, was added to the Youngstown Civil War memorial monument.

I commend Mr. Jones and the rest of the Broadhead and Wydell Memorial Team for their selfless and dedicated service to ensure veterans are recognized and honored appropriately.